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SUBJ: ETHIOPIA LAYS GROUNDWORK FOR POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE
INCURSIONS INTO SOMALIA

SUMMARY AND COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUING WESTERN
SOMALI AND ABO LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF AND SALF) ACTI-
VITIES INSIDE ETHIOPIA AND TO RECENT SOMALI FOREIGN
MINISTRY STATEMENT THAT SOMALIA WOULD "NEVER CEASE TO
HELP LIBERATION MOVEMENTS UNTIL THEY ACHIEVE THEIR IN-
ALIENABLE RIGHTS," ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN
ISSUED STRONG STATEMENT MARCH 31 THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD NOT
TOLERATE FURTHER PROVOCATIONS. REFERRING TO PAST SELF-
RESTRAINT AND DEDICATION TO PRINCIPLES OF OAU AND UN
CHARTERS, ETHIOPIA WARNED THAT SHE MAY BE "COMPELLED TO
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HAVE RECOURSE TO LEGITIMATE MEASURES SACTIONED UNDER
INTERNATIONAL LAW AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT," IN FACE
OF CONTINUING AND EVER ESCALATION PROVOCATION. RE-
LIABLE SOURCES HAVE STATED THAT MILITARY COUNCIL (PMAC
OR DIRG) IS CURRENTLY DEBATING POSSIBILITY OF PUNITIVE
MILITARY ACTIONS INSIDE SOMALIA. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

1. VERBATIM TEST OF ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT:
BEGIN TEXT

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA HAS CONSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY MADE IT KNOWN TO WORLD ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS THAT IT HAS NO DESIRE TO VIOLATE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SOMALIA AND THAT MUTUAL RESPECT FOR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF OAU AND UN CHARTERS IS NECESSARY FOR LASTING PEACE IN AREA. WHILE THIS HAS BEEN OUR PRINCIPLED POSITION, GOVT OF SOMALIA, IN SPITE OF FACT THAT ITS INVADING FORCES HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DEFEATED AND ROUTED IN WAR IN SOUTHEASTERN PART OF ETHIOPIA, HAS ONCE AGAIN PUBLICLY DELCARED THAT IT HAS NOT ABANDONED ITS EXPANSIONIST AMBITION.

AS IF DEATH AND ATROCITIES WHICH SOMALIA'S INVADING FORCES HAVE BROUGHT ON SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION IN SOUTHEASTERN ETHIOPIA--INCLUDING HELPLESS WOMEN, CHILDRED AND AGED--WERE NOT NADIR OF BARBARITY, AS IF DEVASTATING DESTRUCTIONS AND LOOTINGS WHICH SOMALIS'S ARMY HAS WROUGHT IN AMOUNT OF OVER HALF-BILLION US DOLLARS WERE BONUS TO OPPRESSED MASSES OF REGION, ALL PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT RULING CLIQUE IN MOGADISHO IS CLEARLY BENT IN CONTINUING ITS ACT OF FOLLY. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN MURDERED BY INVADING SOMALIA FORCES.
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HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MORE HAVE BEEN ROBBED, BEATEN AND DISPLACED. PROJECTS, INFRASTRUCTURES AND INSTALLATIONS WORTH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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IT IS TO BE REMEMBERED THAT SOMALIA SUFFERED HUMILIATING DEFEAT IN IRRATIONAL WAR IT UNLEASHED. IT IS ALSO MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT OPPRESSED MASSES OF SOMALIA HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO AN INTOLERABLE ECONOMIC CRISES AS RESULT OF EXPANSIONIST AMBITION AND AGGRESSIVE WAR PERPETRATED BY THEIR MISGUIDED LEADERSHIP. IT IS ALSO KNOWN TO US AND TO WORLD THAT THERE IS A GROWING AND BITTER DISSATISFACTION AND DIVISION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE RULING CLASSES OF SOMALIA, RESULTING IN POLITICAL CRISIS WHICH COULD POSSIBLY PLUNGE COUNTRY INTO CIVIL WAR OR CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP. IN SPITE OF THESE PROBLEMS BEING FACED BY SOMALIA REGIME, SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA BEING THE VICTOR HAS DONE NOTHING BUT EXPRESS HER SYMPATHY TO BROAD MASSES OF BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA WHO HAVE BEEN PRIMARY VICTIMS OF WAR UNLEASHED BY MISGUIDED WAR-MONGERS, AND DEMONSTRATED
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TO WORLD ITS CONSISTENT AND PRINCIPLED POSITION NOT TO VIOLATE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SOMALIA. ETHIOPIA HAS EXERCISED SUCH SELF-RESTRAINT MAINLY BECAUSE OF HER DEDICATION TO PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF CHARTERS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND UNITED NATIONS, AS WELL AS PRINCIPLES OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT. WE HAVE SHOWN SUFFICIENT MAGNANIMITY, TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE. WE HAVE AMPLY DEMONSTRATED TO WORLD OUR ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF OAU AND UN CHARTERS AND OUR DESIRE TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH SOMALIA AND ALL OUR OTHER NEIGHBORS. WE HAVE DEMANDED NOTHING LESS AND NOTHING MORE THAN ADHERENCE TO THESE PRINCIPLES FOR LASTING PEACE IN OUR REGION. ETHIOPIA HAS CALLED ON ALLIES AND IMPERIALIST COLLABORATORS OF SOMALIA'S MISGUIDED LEADERSHIP TO RESTRAIN

AND PREVAIL ON THE LATTER TO ABANDON ITS EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY PROVED BANKRUPT AND BY FAR TOO COSTLY TO BE PURSUED ANY FURTHER. MOGADISHO'S ALLIES AND COLLABORATORS WILL HAVE ALSO MEANINGFULLY CONTRIBUTED TO RESTORATION OF DURABLE PEACE IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA OF WORLD WERE THEY TO PREVAIL ON THEIR PROTEGE TO SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECT ALL CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF INTER-STATE RELATIONS, INCLUDING PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT OF STATE BOUNDARIES AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. LEADERSHIP OF SOMALIA HAS CONTINUED TO SHOW ITS WELL-KNOWN POSITION OF DEFIANCE, AND IS STILL PROPAGATING ITS EXPANSIONIST AMBITION, AND FURTHERMORE HAS DECLARED A WAR OF ATTRITION. THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE WILL NO MORE TOLERATE THIS.

INSPIRE OF ETHIOPIA'S DETERMINATION TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM SELF-RESTRAINT, IN THE FACE OF CONTINUING AND CONFIDENTIAL

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EVER ESCALATING PROVOCATION, SHE WILL BE COMPELLED TO HAVE RECOURSE TO LEGITIMATE MEASURES SANCTIONED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. IT IS TO THIS OMINOUS SITUATION ETHIOPIA IS TODAY IMPELLED TO ALERT WORLD PUBLIC."

END QUOTE

2. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE IN MOFA STATEMENT CALL UPON MOGADISCIO'S "ALLIES" TO PREVAIL UPON HER SCRUPULOUSLY TO RESPECT CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF INTER-STATE RELATIONS, INCLUDING NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS AND RESPECT FOR STATE BOUNDARIES, SO AS TO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO RESTORATION OF DURABLE PEACE. ALSO OF INTEREST IN ETHIOPIAN PERCEPTION THAT SOMALIA HAS DECLARED WAR OF ATTRITION AGAINST HER. IT IS CLEAR FROM MOFA STATEMENT THAT DIPLOMATIC FOUNDATION IS BEING PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE MILITARY ACTIONS THAT MIGHT TRANSGRESS SOMALIA'S BORDERS.
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